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# List of staff of the United Nations Secretariat

## Report of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit, for the information of the General Assembly, a list of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat (ST/ADM/R.62)* showing, by office, department and organizational element, the name, functional title, nationality and grade of all staff members holding an appointment of one year or more as at 1 July 2007.

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**Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007**

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# Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

**A**
**Final budget appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007**

*The General Assembly*,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006-2007:

(a) The amount of 4,302,005,000 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 61/253 A of 22 December 2006, 61/258 of 26 March 2007 and 61/275 of 29 June 2007 shall be decreased by 113,232,600 dollars, as follows:

[1] A/62/575.
[2] A/62/589.

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(United States dollars)

| *Part/section* | *Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275* | *Increase/ (decrease)* | *Final appropriation* |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination** | | | |
| 1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination | 77 286 500 | 1 306 800 | 78 593 300 |
| 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | 602 512 500 | (15 425 800) | 587 086 700 |
| **Subtotal, part I** | **679 799 000** | **(14 119 000)** | **665 680 000** |
| **Part II. Political affairs** | | | |
| 3. Political affairs | 808 773 400 | (80 489 300) | 728 284 100 |
| 4. Disarmament | 20 471 500 | (695 000) | 19 776 500 |
| 5. Peacekeeping operations | 96 670 600 | (5 314 500) | 91 356 100 |
| 6. Peaceful uses of outer space | 6 175 700 | 346 100 | 6 521 800 |
| **Subtotal, part II** | **932 091 200** | **(86 152 700)** | **845 938 500** |
| **Part III. International justice and law** | | | |
| 7 International Court of Justice | 36 785 000 | 2 073 200 | 38 858 200 |
| 8 Legal affairs | 42 153 000 | 418 000 | 42 571 000 |
| **Subtotal, part III** | **78 938 000** | **2 491 200** | **81 429 200** |
| **Part IV. International cooperation for development** | | | |
| 9. Economic and social affairs | 157 474 100 | (4 882 200) | 152 591 900 |
| 10 Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States | 5 052 700 | (242 500) | 4 810 200 |
| 11 United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development | 10 803 100 | (1 959 100) | 8 844 000 |
| 12 Trade and development | 117 152 900 | (3 393 300) | 113 759 600 |
| 13 International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO | 26 901 500 | 493 800 | 27 395 300 |
| 14 Environment | 12 286 600 | 864 000 | 13 150 600 |
| 15 Human settlements | 18 289 400 | 1 284 000 | 19 573 400 |
| 16 International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice | 32 838 400 | 1 618 500 | 34 456 900 |
| **Subtotal, part IV** | **380 798 700** | **(6 216 800)** | **374 581 900** |
| **Part V. Regional cooperation for development** | | | |
| 17 Economic and social development in Africa | 107 404 200 | (5 251 800) | 102 152 400 |
| 18 Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific | 74 664 800 | 6 108 800 | 80 773 600 |
| 19 Economic development in Europe | 57 110 000 | 743 200 | 57 853 200 |
| 20 Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean | 97 180 100 | (1 925 900) | 95 254 200 |
| 21 Economic and social development in Western Asia | 56 324 600 | 2 650 200 | 58 974 800 |
| 22 Regular programme of technical cooperation | 46 881 400 | 598 600 | 47 480 000 |
| **Subtotal, part V** | **439 565 100** | **2 923 100** | **442 488 200** |

| *Part/section* | | *Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275* | *Increase/ (decrease)* | *Final appropriation* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs** | | | | |
| 23 | Human rights | 88 009 100 | (6 480 800) | 81 528 300 |
| 24 | Protection of and assistance to refugees | 67 031 200 | 1 470 400 | 68 501 600 |
| 25 | Palestine refugees | 36 731 300 | 1 555 400 | 38 286 700 |
| 26 | Humanitarian assistance | 26 566 000 | (130 900) | 26 435 100 |
| | **Subtotal, part VI** | **218 337 600** | **(3 585 900)** | **214 751 700** |
| **Part VII. Public information** | | | | |
| 27 | Public information | 178 851 800 | (7 887 100) | 170 964 700 |
| | **Subtotal, part VII** | **178 851 800** | **(7 887 100)** | **170 964 700** |
| **Part VIII. Common support services** | | | | |
| 28A | Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management | 20 560 500 | 368 300 | 20 928 800 |
| 28B | Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts | 32 917 500 | (1 848 000) | 31 069 500 |
| 28C | Office of Human Resources Management | 67 557 400 | 1 968 800 | 69 526 200 |
| 28D | Office of Central Support Services | 245 453 800 | 267 700 | 245 721 500 |
| 28E | Administration, Geneva | 107 192 800 | (348 400) | 106 844 400 |
| 28F | Administration, Vienna | 35 297 400 | 1 020 200 | 36 317 600 |
| 28G | Administration, Nairobi | 19 645 200 | 3 463 500 | 23 108 700 |
| | **Subtotal, part VIII** | **528 624 600** | **4 892 100** | **533 516 700** |
| **Part IX. Internal oversight** | | | | |
| 29. | Internal oversight | 30 943 800 | (1 140 600) | 29 803 200 |
| | **Subtotal, part IX** | **30 943 800** | **(1 140 600)** | **29 803 200** |
| **Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses** | | | | |
| 30. | Jointly financed administrative activities | 7 799 200 | 1 683 100 | 9 482 300 |
| 31. | Special expenses | 93 478 900 | (1 744 700) | 91 734 200 |
| | **Subtotal, part X** | **101 278 100** | **(61 600)** | **101 216 500** |
| **Part XI. Capital expenditures** | | | | |
| 32. | Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance | 78 532 000 | 25 627 900 | 104 159 900 |
| | **Subtotal, part XI** | **78 532 000** | **25 627 900** | **104 159 900** |
| **Part XII. Safety and Security** | | | | |
| 33. | Safety and security | 195 537 800 | (23 162 400) | 172 375 400 |
| | **Subtotal, part XII** | **195 537 800** | **(23 162 400)** | **172 375 400** |
| **Part XIII. Development Account** | | | | |
| 34. | Development Account | 16 480 900 | 71 000 | 16 551 900 |
| | **Subtotal, part XIII** | **16 480 900** | **71 000** | **16 551 900** |

| *Part/section* | | *Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275* | *Increase/ (decrease)* | *Final appropriation* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Part XIV. Staff assessment** | | | | |
| 35. | Staff assessment | 442 226 400 | (6 911 800) | 435 314 600 |
| | **Subtotal, part XIV** | **442 226 400** | **(6 911 800)** | **435 314 600** |
| | **Total** | **4 302 005 000** | **(113 232 600)** | **4 188 772 400** |

(b) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(c) In addition to the appropriations approved under subparagraph (a) above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2006-2007 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

**B**

**Final income estimates for the biennium 2006-2007**

*The General Assembly*,

*Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006-2007:

(a) The estimates of income of 492,248,800 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 61/253 B of 22 December 2006, 61/258 of 26 March 2007 and 61/275 of 29 June 2007 shall be increased by 12,930,700 dollars, as follows:

(United States dollars)

| *Income section* | | *Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 B, 61/258 and 61/275* | *Increase/ (decrease)* | *Final estimate* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Income from staff assessment | 446 666 400 | (7 156 500) | 439 509 900 |
| | **Subtotal, income section 1** | **446 666 400** | **(7 156 500)** | **439 509 900** |
| 2. | General income | 41 641 400 | 20 238 900 | 61 880 300 |
| 3. | Services to the public | 3 941 000 | (151 700) | 3 789 300 |
| | **Subtotal, income sections 2 and 3** | **45 582 400** | **20 087 200** | **65 669 600** |
| | **Total** | **492 248 800** | **12 930 700** | **505 179 500** |

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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**Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations**

# Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

*The General Assembly*,

## I. Second performance report on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2006-2007

*Having considered* the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 for the biennium 2006-2007[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

[1] A/62/557.
[2] A/62/578.

*Recalling* its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 60/241 of 23 December 2005 and 61/241 of 22 December 2006,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 for the biennium 2006-2007[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section IV.A of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Expresses* its appreciation to Member States that contributed to the Voluntary Fund to support the activities of the Tribunal, and invites Member States to continue making voluntary contributions to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General;

4. *Notes with concern* the high vacancy rate at the Tribunal, especially in the Office of the Prosecutor and the Registry, and urges the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to address this problem;

5. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006-2007, the amount of 277,127,700 United States dollars gross (254,757,400 dollars net) approved in its resolution 61/241 for the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda shall be adjusted by the amount of 2,384,700 dollars gross (2,357,200 dollars net), for a total amount of 279,512,400 dollars gross (257,114,600 dollars net);

## II. Budget for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, for the biennium 2008-2009

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, for the biennium 2008-2009,[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation,[4]

[3] A/62/468.

[4] A/62/586.

*Having also considered* the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, for the biennium 2008-2009,[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provision of the present resolution;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/241, and reaffirms the importance of the timely submission of reports on the Tribunal and related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in order to facilitate their proper consideration early in the session;

4. *Takes note* of section II.E of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on specific parameters of the management of the funds to be appropriated to meet future requirements for pension benefits of the Tribunal's judges and eligible beneficiaries in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2008-2009;

6. *Decides* to revert to the issue of funding the pension-related liabilities of the Tribunal at its sixty-fourth session, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 11 of its resolution 61/262 of 4 April 2007;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 a total amount of 267,356,200 United States dollars gross (247,466,600 dollars net) for the biennium 2008-2009, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

8. *Further decides* also that the total assessment for 2008 under the Special Account amounting to 136,062,800 dollars, shall consist of:

(a) 133,678,100 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2008-2009;

(b) 2,384,700 dollars, being the increase in the final appropriation for the biennium 2006-2007 approved by the General Assembly in paragraph 5 of section I of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 68,031,400 dollars gross (63,045,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008;

10. *Also decides* to apportion the amount of 68,031,400 dollars gross (63,045,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2008;

11. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 9,972,300 dollars approved for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for 2008.

**Annex**

**Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994**

| | *Gross* | *Net* |
|---|---|---|
| | *United States dollars* | |
| Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 | 302 599 700 | 283 215 900 |
| Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation | 6 287 100 | 5 781 300 |
| Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | (28 500 000) | (28 500 000) |
| Recommendations of the Fifth Committee | (13 030 600) | (13 030 600) |
| Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 | 267 356 200 | 247 466 600 |
| Total assessment for 2008, comprising: | **136 062 800** | **126 090 500** |
| (a) Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 | 133 678 100 | 123 733 300 |
| (b) Requirements arising from the final appropriation for the biennium 2006-2007 | 2 384 700 | 2 357 200 |
| Of which: | | |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008 | 68 031 400 | 63 045 250 |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2008 | 68 031 400 | 63 045 250 |

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# Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

*The General Assembly*,

## I. Second performance report on the budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2006-2007

*Having considered* the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2006-2007[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Recalling* its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 60/243 of 23 December 2005 and 61/242 of 22 December 2006,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 for the biennium 2006-2007[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

[1] A/62/556.
[2] A/62/578.

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2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section III.A of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006-2007, the amount of 326,573,900 United States dollars gross (297,130,500 dollars net) approved in its resolution 61/242 for the budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia shall be adjusted by the amount of 22,405,400 dollars gross (19,062,200 dollars net), for a total amount of 348,979,300 dollars gross (316,458,000 dollars net);

## II. Budget for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 for the biennium 2008-2009

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 for the biennium 2008-2009[3] and on the revised estimates arising from changes in rates of exchange and inflation,[4]

*Having also considered* the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 for the biennium 2008-2009[3] and on the revised estimates arising from changes in rates of exchange and inflation;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/241 of 22 December 2006, and reaffirms the importance of the timely submission of reports on the Tribunal and related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in order to facilitate their proper consideration early in the session;

4. *Takes note* of section E of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on specific parameters of the management of the funds to be appropriated to meet future requirements for pension benefits of the Tribunal's judges and eligible beneficiaries in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2008-2009;

6. *Decides* to revert to the issue of funding of the pension-related liabilities of the Tribunal at its sixty-fourth session, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 11 of its resolution 61/262 of 4 April 2007;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of

[3] A/62/374.
[4] A/62/586.

International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 a total amount of 347,566,900 United States dollars gross (316,472,100 dollars net) for the biennium 2008-2009, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

8. *Further decides* that the financing of the appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 under the Special Account shall take into account the estimated income of 265,300 dollars for the biennium 2008-2009, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation;

9. *Decides* that the total assessment for 2008 under the Special Account, amounting to 196,100,900 dollars, shall consist of:

(a) 173,650,800 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2008-2009, after taking into account 132,650 dollars, which is half of the estimated income for the biennium 2008-2009 of 265,300 dollars;

(b) 22,450,100 dollars, being the increase in the final appropriation for the biennium 2006-2007 approved by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of section I of the present resolution, after taking into account a decrease in income of 44,700 dollars for the biennium 2006-2007;

10. *Also decides* to apportion the amount of 98,050,450 dollars gross (88,605,150 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008;

11. *Further decides* to apportion the amount of 98,050,450 dollars gross (88,605,150 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2008;

12. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 18,890,600 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for 2008.

**Annex**

**Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991**

| | *Gross* | *Net* |
|---|---|---|
| | *(United States dollars)* | |
| Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 | 356 314 300 | 327 182 400 |
| Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation | 24 952 600 | 22 989 700 |
| Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions | (16 600 000) | (16 600 000) |
| Recommendations of the Fifth Committee | (17 100 000) | (17 100 000) |
| Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 | 347 566 900 | 316 472 100 |

| | *Gross* | *Net* |
|---|---|---|
| | *(United States dollars)* | |
| Less: | | |
| Estimated income for the biennium 2008-2009 | (265 300) | (265 300) |
| **Total assessment for 2008, comprising** | **196 100 900** | **177 210 300** |
| (a) Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009, after taking into account 132,650 dollars, which is half of the estimated income for the biennium 2008-2009 of 265,300 dollars | 173 650 800 | 158 103 400 |
| (b) Requirements arising from the final appropriation for the biennium 2006-2007, after taking into account a decrease in income of 44,700 dollars for the biennium 2006-2007 | 22 450 100 | 19 106 900 |
| Of which: | | |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008 | 98 050 450 | 88 605 150 |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2008 | 98 050 450 | 88 605 150 |

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## Administration of justice at the United Nations

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 57/307 of 15 April 2003, 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 59/283 of 13 April 2005 and 61/261 of 4 April 2007,

*Emphasizing* the importance for the United Nations to have an efficient and effective system of administration of justice so as to ensure that individuals and the Organization are held accountable for their actions in accordance with relevant resolutions and regulations,

*Reaffirming* its decision in paragraph 4 of resolution 61/261 to establish a new, independent, transparent, professionalized, adequately resourced and decentralized system of administration of justice consistent with the relevant rules of international law and the principles of the rule of law and due process to ensure respect for the rights and obligations of staff members and the accountability of managers and staff members alike,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/261,[1] on the administration of justice,[2] on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2005 and 2006 and statistics on the disposition of cases and work of the Panel of Counsel[3] and on the activities of the Ombudsman,[4] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary

[1] A/61/891.
[2] A/62/294.
[3] A/62/179.
[4] A/62/311.

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Questions[5,6] and the letter dated 20 November 2007 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,[7]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/261,[1] on the administration of justice,[2] on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2005 and 2006 and statistics on the disposition of cases and work of the Panel of Counsel[3] and on the activities of the Ombudsman[4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[5,6]

2. *Recalls* its decision 62/__ of __ December 2007;[8]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

## I. New system of administration of justice

4. *Stresses* the importance of allocating adequate resources to establish the new system of administration of justice;

5. *Acknowledges* the evolving nature of the new system of administration of justice and the need to carefully monitor its implementation;

6. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring access for all staff members to the system of administration of justice, regardless of their duty station;

### A. Scope

7. *Decides* that individuals who have access to the current system of administration of justice will have access to the new system;

8. *Also decides* to revert to the issue of the scope of the system of administration of justice at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session and to request information in this regard from the Secretary-General;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General ensure that the daily paid workers in peacekeeping missions are made aware of their rights and obligations and have access to suitable recourse procedures within the framework of the United Nations;

### B. Office of Administration of Justice

10. *Decides* to establish the Office of Administration of Justice, comprising the Office of the Executive Director and the Office of Staff Legal Assistance, as well as the Registries for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

11. *Also decides* that the Office of the Executive Director is to consist of one Executive Director (D-2), one Special Assistant (P-4) and one Administrative

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[5] A/61/936.
[6] A/62/7/Add.7.
[7] A/C.5/62/11.
[8] See A/C.6/62/L.22.

Assistant (General Service (Other level)), and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that these positions are filled as a matter of priority but no later than 1 July 2008;

## C. Office of Staff Legal Assistance

12. *Stresses* that professional legal assistance is critical for the effective and appropriate utilization of the available mechanisms within the system of administration of justice;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of its resolution 61/261, reiterates its support for the strengthening of professional legal assistance for staff in order for staff to continue to receive legal assistance, and decides to establish the Office of Staff Legal Assistance to succeed the Panel of Counsel,

14. *Decides* that the Office of Staff Legal Assistance is to consist of one Chief of Unit (P-5), one Legal Officer (P-3), one Legal Officer (P-2) and three Legal Assistants (General Service (Other level)) in New York, and one Legal Officer (P-3) each in Addis Ababa, Beirut, Geneva and Nairobi;

15. *Also decides* that legal assistance should continue to be accessible to staff at all duty stations;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a code of conduct regulating the activity of internal and external individuals providing legal assistance to staff to ensure their independence and impartiality;

17. *Reiterates* paragraph 24 of its resolution 61/261, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the progress made to establish a staff-funded scheme in the Organization that would provide legal advice and support to staff;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop incentives for staff and management, including through training opportunities, to enable and encourage staff to continue to participate in the work of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance;

19. *Decides* to revert to the issue of the mandate of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance at its sixty-third session;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on possible measures to encourage responsible use of the system of administration of justice;

21. *Recognizes* that the Office of Staff Legal Assistance and the Ombudsman have two distinct functions;

# II. Informal system

22. *Recognizes* that the informal resolution of conflict is a crucial element of the system of administration of justice, and emphasizes that all possible use should be made of the informal system in order to avoid unnecessary litigation;

23. *Also recognizes* that the strengthening of the informal system may reduce recourse to the formal system, thereby avoiding unnecessary litigation;

24. *Stresses* the pivotal role of mediation in reconciling differences;

### A. Office of the Ombudsman

25. *Reiterates* its decision to create a single integrated and decentralized Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Secretariat, funds and programmes, decides to establish the Office as from 1 January 2008, and urges the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman, the Office of the Joint Ombudsperson (United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Children's Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services) and the Office of the Mediator of the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen the ongoing efforts for coordination and harmonization of standards, operating guidelines, reporting categories and databases;

26. *Decides* to establish branch offices for the Office of the Ombudsman in Bangkok, Geneva, Nairobi, Santiago and Vienna, each with one Regional Ombudsman (P-5) and one Administrative Assistant (General Service (Other level/Local level));

27. *Takes note* of paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that staff at all duty stations have access to the Ombudsman;

29. *Endorses* the process of nomination and appointment of the Ombudsman by the Secretary-General, as set out in paragraphs 47 to 49 of his report[2] and recommended by the Redesign Panel in its report;[9]

### B. Mediation Division

30. *Endorses* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and decides to establish the Mediation Division as from 1 January 2008;

### C. Systemic issues

31. *Notes* section IV, on systemic issues, of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ombudsman,[4] and emphasizes that the role of the Ombudsman is to report on broad systemic issues that he or she identifies, as well as those that are brought to his or her attention, in order to promote greater harmony in the workplace;

32. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report at its sixty-third session, in the context of human resources management, on specific measures taken to address systemic issues;

## III. Formal system

33. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 19 to 24 of its resolution 61/261;

34. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring access for all staff to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, and requests the Secretary-General to make provisions for the travel and related costs of staff whose physical presence before the Tribunals is deemed necessary by the Tribunals and for judges to travel as necessary to hold

[9] A/61/205.

sessions at duty stations other than New York, Geneva and Nairobi, in particular in Bangkok, Santiago and Vienna;

## A. Internal Justice Council

35. *Stresses* that the establishment of an internal justice council can help to ensure independence, professionalism and accountability in the system of administration of justice;

36. *Decides* to establish by 1 March 2008 a five-member Internal Justice Council consisting of a staff representative, a management representative and two distinguished external jurists, one nominated by the staff and one by management, and chaired by a distinguished jurist chosen by consensus by the four other members;

37. *Also decides* that the Internal Justice Council will perform the following tasks:

(a) Liaising with the Office of Human Resources Management on issues related to the search for suitable candidates for the positions of judges, including by conducting interviews as necessary;

(b) Providing its views and recommendations to the General Assembly on two or three candidates for each vacancy in the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, with due regard to geographical distribution;

(c) Drafting a code of conduct for the judges, for consideration by the General Assembly;

(d) Providing its views on the implementation of the system of administration of justice to the General Assembly;

38. *Further decides* that the Internal Justice Council will be assisted, as appropriate, by the Office of Administration of Justice;

## B. United Nations Dispute Tribunal and United Nations Appeals Tribunal

39. *Decides* to establish a two-tier formal system of administration of justice, comprising a first instance United Nations Dispute Tribunal and an appellate instance United Nations Appeals Tribunal as from 1 January 2009;

40. *Also decides* that judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall be appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council;

41. *Further decides* to endorse the qualifications of the judges as set out in paragraphs 58 and 67 of the report of the Secretary-General[2] and as further described in its decision 62/__;[8]

42. *Decides* that the United Nations Dispute Tribunal shall, initially, comprise three full-time judges, to be situated in New York, Geneva and Nairobi, and two half-time judges;

43. *Also decides* that further consideration should be given to cases before the United Nations Dispute Tribunal being decided by a panel of judges, depending on the nature of the cases, the workload of judges and the grounds for appeal, and requests the Secretary-General to present further proposals in this regard, including

resource implications, to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

44. *Further decides* that the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall comprise seven members who will sit in panels of at least three;

45. *Decides* that judges shall serve only one non-renewable term of seven years on either the United Nations Dispute Tribunal or the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, with the exception of two of the initial judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and three of the initial judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, to be determined by drawing of lots, who shall serve three years and may consequently apply to the same Tribunal for a non-renewable term of seven years;

## C. Registries

46. *Decides* to establish a Registry for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in New York, Geneva and Nairobi and a Registry for the United Nations Appeals Tribunal in New York;

47. *Also decides* that the Registries will consist of one D-1 Registrar who will oversee the Registries and, for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in New York, one P-5 Registrar, one P-2 Legal Officer and two General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistants; for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva, one P-5 Registrar, one P-3 Legal Research Officer and two General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistants; for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Nairobi, one P-5 Registrar, one P-3 Legal Research Officer and two General Service (Local level) Administrative Assistants; and for the United Nations Appeals Tribunal in New York, one P-5 Registrar, one P-3 Legal Officer and two General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistants; and further decides to approve, as general temporary assistance in New York, the equivalent of one P-4 Information Technology Officer, one General Service (Other level) Information Technology Assistant and Legal Research Officer positions equivalent to P-4 in both Geneva and Nairobi;

48. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide terms of reference for the Registries, taking into account the current working methods of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal at its sixty-third session;

## D. Disciplinary proceedings

49. *Decides* to endorse, in principle, the delegation of authority for disciplinary measures to heads of offices away from Headquarters and heads of missions/Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to present a report containing a detailed proposal regarding possible options for delegation of authority for disciplinary measures, including full delegation, as well as an assessment of possible implications for due process rights of staff members;

## E. Management evaluation

50. *Emphasizes* the need to have in place a process for management evaluation that is efficient, effective and impartial;

51. *Reaffirms* the importance of the general principle of exhausting administrative remedies before formal proceedings are instituted;

52. *Decides* to establish an independent Management Evaluation Unit in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, with one Chief of Unit (P-5), two Legal Officers (P-4) and three Administrative Assistants (General Service (Other level)) and general temporary assistance equivalent to one P-4 Legal Officer position;

53. *Emphasizes* the importance of prompt decisions and responses to formal requests for management evaluation, and decides that such evaluation should be completed in a timely manner, as soon as possible and within a limit of thirty calendar days for New York Headquarters and forty-five calendar days for offices away from Headquarters after the submission of such a request;

54. *Stresses* the importance of establishing adequate accountability measures for managers to ensure their timely response to management evaluation requests;

55. *Emphasizes* the importance for the United Nations to have an efficient and effective system of administration of justice so as to ensure that individuals and the Organization are held accountable for their actions in accordance with relevant resolutions and regulations;

## IV. Transitional measures

56. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of its resolution 61/261, and urges the Secretary-General to intensify the efforts needed to clear the existing backlog of cases before the Panel on Discrimination and Other Grievances, Joint Appeals Boards, Joint Disciplinary Committees, Disciplinary Committees, the Administrative Law Unit, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

57. *Endorses* paragraphs 73, 74, 76 and 80 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

58. *Decides* to revert to the issue of transitional arrangements at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

59. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the organizations which currently participate in the United Nations Administrative Tribunal with the aim of providing for an orderly transition to another system of their choosing, if they were not to join the new system of administration of justice;

## V. Financial implications and cost-sharing arrangements

60. *Underlines* that the funding for administration of justice, based on cost-sharing arrangements, should be clear, predictable and secure;

61. *Decides* to approve the cost-sharing arrangement as outlined by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 161 and 162 of his report;[2]

62. *Urges* the Secretary-General to conclude cost-sharing arrangements with the relevant funds and programmes by July 2008;

63. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the arrangements for the provision of services of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the International Court of Justice, the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

## VI. Further information

64. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session on the following:

(a) Draft statute for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;

(b) Draft statute for the United Nations Administrative Tribunal that reflects the decisions contained in the present resolution and its resolution 61/261;

(c) Jurisdiction of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

(d) Grounds of appeal before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

(e) Conditions under which the United Nations Dispute Tribunal may refer cases pending before it to mediation, including the requirement of the consent of the parties and the issue of time frames;

(f) A detailed proposal regarding the allocation of cases to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, taking into account geographical accessibility, the type of cases and the number of cases;

(g) Compensation awarded by the tribunals and alternatives;

(h) The role of staff associations vis-à-vis the formal system of justice;

65. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide further information and recommendations, as appropriate, at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session, on the following:

(a) The different categories of non-staff personnel performing personal services for the Organization, including experts on mission, United Nations officials other than staff members of the Secretariat and daily workers;

(b) The types of dispute settlement mechanisms available to the different categories of non-staff personnel and their effectiveness;

(c) The types of grievances the different categories of non-staff personnel have raised in the past and what bodies of law are relevant to such claims;

(d) Any other mechanism that could be envisaged to provide effective and efficient dispute settlement to the different categories of non-staff personnel, taking into account the nature of their contractual relationship with the Organization;

66. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report at the main part of its sixty-third session on the following:

(a) The revised terms of reference for the Ombudsman, taking into account the changes in functions, presence and proposed locations;

(b) The results of the negotiations between the United Nations and other participating entities on cost-sharing arrangements for the system of administration of justice;

(c) Mechanisms for the formal removal of judges, definition of the "grounds of misconduct or incapacity" and the means for the establishment of such grounds in a specific case;

(d) Viable options for programme support cost/trust funds to share the cost of the new internal justice system;

## VII. Other issues

67. *Invites* the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the reports to be submitted to by the Secretary-General without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

68. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that information concerning the details of the new system of administration of justice, in particular options for recourse, are made readily accessible to all staff covered under the new system;

69. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive approach to address privacy rights of staff, including the right to confidentiality and the Organization's responsibility for ensuring the due process rights of its staff under investigation;

70. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report at its sixty-third session on how information and communications technology can improve the functioning of the system of administration of justice.

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**Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations**

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# Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its decision 58/557 of 23 December 2003, in which the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Government of Italy for offering five additional buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and approved their transfer,

*Recalling* financial regulation 3.11 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1]

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi,[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the offer by the Government of Italy of six additional buildings and twelve open areas to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;[2]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

4. *Approves* the transfer of six additional buildings and twelve open areas pledged by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

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[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.
[2] A/62/548.
[3] A/62/559.

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# Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

*The General Assembly*,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 61/279 of 29 June 2007,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the letter dated 2 October 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly,[3] and recognizing that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, by which the Council established the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for an initial period of twelve months as from 31 July 2007,

*Reaffirming* the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

*Noting* the hybrid nature of the Operation, and in that regard stressing the importance of ensuring full coordination of efforts between the African Union and

[1] A/62/380.
[2] A/62/540.
[3] A/62/379.

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the United Nations at the strategic level, unity of command at the operational level and clear delegation of authority and accountability lines,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of interaction and coordination with troop-contributing countries;

5. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and paragraph 11 of its resolution 56/241 of 24 December 2001, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

6. *Also recalls* that the Operation should have a predominantly African character and that the troops should, as far as possible, be sourced from African countries;

7. *Reaffirms*, in the context of all Security Council decisions on peacekeeping operations, the prerogatives of the General Assembly in issues related to administrative and budgetary matters;

8. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

9. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

10. *Recalls* the unique nature and mandate of each operation, and stresses that the resource requirements should be commensurate with the mandates and complexities of each operation;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

12. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

13. *Takes note* of paragraphs 37, 40, 46, 48, 66, 68, 70 and 74 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

14. *Decides* to establish thirteen posts for the conduct and discipline team and fourteen positions to be funded from general temporary assistance;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 35 of its resolution 61/279, and decides to approve thirteen posts (four P-5, eight P-4 and one General Service) for the integrated operational team in order to provide backstopping for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad, to be financed through the support account of peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to report expenditures thereon for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 in the performance report for the period;

16. *Looks forward* to the finalizing of the exchange of letters between the United Nations and the African Union as set out in the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

17. *Notes with concern* that the budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was not submitted in a results-based budgeting format, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that forthcoming budget for the Operation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is submitted in full compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions on the preparation of the budgets for peacekeeping missions;

18. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets for peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

19. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to integrate operational, logistical and financial aspects fully in the planning phase of peacekeeping operations by linking results-based budgeting to the mandate implementation plans of peacekeeping operations;

20. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring that the work undertaken during the planning phase preceding the deployment of missions is as effective and accurate as possible, and emphasizes the importance of drawing on lessons learned;

21. *Takes note* of the large scope and number of extraordinary measures contained in the letter of the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly;[3]

22. *Notes with concern* the recurrent application of extraordinary measures in peacekeeping operations;

23. *Stresses* the need for effective management and mitigation of risks in all phases of United Nations peacekeeping missions;

24. *Underlines* the risks inherent in the use of extraordinary measures, and stresses the importance of adequate advance planning to avoid the application of such measures;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the financial regulations and rules of the Organization are abided by and fully upheld in all phases of the Operation;

26. *Reaffirms* the need for the procurement system to be transparent, open, impartial and cost-effective, based on competitive bidding and fully reflecting the international character of the United Nations;

27. *Notes with concern* the decision of the Secretary-General to utilize a single-source contract without competitive bidding, and requests the Secretary-General to take immediate action to supply goods and services in compliance with the established procedures for procurement, based on international competitive bidding and the widest possible geographical base of procurement, so as to avoid a non-competitive extension of the present contract;

28. *Recalls* its resolution 54/14 of 29 October 1999 regarding the need to take steps to ensure that specifications are not deliberately tailored to predetermine the choice of supplier and that the principle of separation of responsibilities of the requisitioning and approving officers is maintained;

29. *Encourages* the use of procurement within the region for the requirements of missions, taking into account efficiency and cost-effectiveness;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive review of the use of the extraordinary measures for the Operation contained in the letter of the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly;

31. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure full respect of all legislative mandates, and notes with concern that the Secretary-General did not respond to its request contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 of its resolution 61/289 of 29 June 2007;

32. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to further explore, without prejudice to the distinct mandates, resources, roles and areas of operation of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, the scope for synergies and cooperation between the two missions, where possible, and to report thereon for its consideration in the context of the budgets of the missions for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his 2008-2009 budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration between all United Nations actors active in the relevant mission area;

34. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets for the Operation contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to its operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

35. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review the structure of the Operation, the allocation of posts and their grade levels as personnel are deployed and on the basis of actual workloads and experience gained and to reflect that ongoing review in future budget submissions;

36. *Underlines* the need for the deployment of staff of the Operation to be phased in order to conform to its operational needs as it evolves, and to its support capacity, and stresses in this regard that during its start-up phase the principal focus of the Operation should be to ensure that core capacity is quickly put in place;

37. *Also, underlines* the need for the deployment of civilian staff to be phased in accord with the deployment of military and police personnel;

38. *Notes* that the Secretary-General proposes to create five hundred forty-eight volunteer positions, of which only four will be nationals of the Sudan, and requests the Secretary-General to explore ways of increasing the number of nationals of the Sudan to forty-eight;

39. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

40. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

41. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

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42. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

43. *Decides* to appropriate to the special account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur the amount of 1,275,653,700 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 for the establishment of the Operation;

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44. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,275,653,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

45. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 44 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,380,200 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation;

46. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

47. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

48. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

49. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur".

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## Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, by which the Council approved the establishment in Chad and the Central African Republic, in consultation with the authorities of Chad and the Central African Republic, of a multidimensional presence, and decided that the multidimensional presence shall include, for a period of one year, a United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad,

*Recognizing* that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming* the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

*Mindful of the fact* that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals, in full accordance with the provisions

[1] A/62/544.
[2] A/62/572.

of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his 2008/09 budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration between all the United Nations actors active in the relevant mission area;

9. *Notes* that the Secretary-General did not propose an integrated mission, and recognizes the importance of coordination and collaboration between the Mission and the United Nations actors active in the mission area;

10. *Underlines* the need for the deployment of staff to be phased in order to conform to the operational needs of the Mission as it evolves and to the support capacity of the Mission, and stresses in this regard that, during a mission's start-up phase, the principal focus of the mission should be to get core capacity in place quickly;

11. *Also underlines* the need for the deployment of civilian staff to be phased in accordance with the deployment of the European Union operation and the Mission's police personnel, as well as with adequate security provision on the ground;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets contain sufficient information, justification and explanation of the proposed resource requirements relating to the Mission's operational costs to allow Member States to take well informed decisions;

13. *Notes with concern* that the budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was not submitted in a result-based budgeting format,

and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that forthcoming budget for the Mission for the period 2008/09 is submitted in full compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions on the preparation of the budgets for peacekeeping missions;

14. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets for peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

15. *Decides* to establish two posts for the conduct and discipline team and two positions to be funded from general temporary assistance;

16. *Approves* the utilization of general temporary assistance equivalent to one P-4 for the establishment of a Best Practices Officer position, pending consideration of the report requested in section V, paragraph 2, of its resolution 61/276;

17. *Stresses* the need of the best practices function to be performed from the start-up phase of the Mission, including the possibility of using the capacity of the Headquarters Best Practices Section;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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21. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

22. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 1,114,100 United States dollars, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic, for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

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23. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,114,100 dollars for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

24. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,100 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the advance mission for the period from 1 March to June 2007;

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25. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, inclusive of the amount of 45,828,200 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A;

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26. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008 as set out in its resolution 61/237;

27. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,537,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".

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# Programme budget implications relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

## A. United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1, additional requirements amounting to $360,200 United States dollars would be required under section 4, Disarmament ($322,300), and section 35, Staff assessment ($37,900), to be offset by the same amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. These additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered by the Assembly in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

## B. Report of the Human Rights Council

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84,

[1] A/C.5/62/10.
[2] A/62/7/Add.17.
[3] A/C.5/62/12.
[4] A/62/7/Add.26.

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additional requirements amounting to $3,988,800 would arise under section 23, Human rights ($3,114,800), section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($874,000), and section 35, Staff assessment ($438,600), to be offset by equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. These additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered by the Assembly in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

## C. Situation of human rights in Myanmar

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1, additional requirements of $781,900 would be charged against the provision for special political missions included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. These requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council.[7]

## D. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[9] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9, additional requirements amounting to $682,000 would be required under section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space ($604,000), and section 35, Staff assessment ($78,000), offset by an equivalent amount under section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. These additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered by the Assembly in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

[5] A/C.5/62/13.
[6] A/62/7/Add.18.
[7] A/62/512/Add.1.
[8] A/C.5/62/14.
[9] A/62/7/Add.22.

## E. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[10] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1, additional resources in the total amount of $10,772,850 would be required under section 23, Human rights ($415,450), and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($10,357,400), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. These additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered by the Assembly in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

## F. Oceans and the law of the sea

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/62/L.27**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[12] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[13] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/62/L.27, additional requirements amounting to $1,962,100 would be required under section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. This additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered by the Assembly in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

## G. Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.44**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[14] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[15] decides to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.44, additional requirements totalling $573,600 under section 23, Human rights ($520,100), and section 35, Staff assessment ($53,500), to be offset by an equivalent amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, should be accommodated within

[10] A/C.5/62/15.
[11] A/62/7/Add.21.
[12] A/C.5/62/16.
[13] A/62/7/Add.27.
[14] A/C.5/62/17.
[15] A/62/7/Add.20.

the existing resources provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, under section 23, Human rights.

## H. The right to development

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[16] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[17] decides to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49 will not give rise to additional resource requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 23, Human rights, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

## I. Global Forum on Migration and Development

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/62/L.25**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[18] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[19] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/62/L.25, additional requirements of $110,000 would be met within the overall appropriations under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, and also decides to report thereon in the context of the performance report of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009.

## J. New Partnership for Africa's Development: modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/62/L.29**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[20] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/62/L.29, additional resources amounting to $86,000 would be required under section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. This additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered by the Assembly in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

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[16] A/C.5/62/18.
[17] A/62/7/Add.19.
[18] A/C.5/62/19.
[19] A/62/7/Add.23.
[20] A/C.5/62/20.
[21] A/62/7/Add.24.

## K. Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised**

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[22] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1, as orally revised, preliminary additional requirements up to $6,794,700 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($4,895,900), and section 23, Human rights ($1,898,800), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The Committee recommends that the Assembly take note of these preliminary estimates. Upon the conclusion of discussions and negotiations and the determination of the structure of the Durban Review Conference, including the regional preparatory meetings, detailed information on financial implications will be submitted.

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[22] A/C.5/62/21.

[23] A/62/7/Add.28.

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*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and 60/246 of 23 December 2005,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, part VI, of 21 December 1990, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 60/247 of 23 December 2005 and 61/254 of 22 December 2006,

*Reaffirming also* the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

*Reaffirming further* the role of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies,

*Recognizing* the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

*Having considered* the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund,[2] the related reports of the Advisory

[1] A/62/6 (Introduction) and Corr.1, (Sects. 1-3), (Sect. 4) and Corr.1, (Sects. 5-7), (Sect. 8) and Corr.1, (Sects. 9-11), (Sect. 12) and Corr.1, (Sects. 13-18), (Sect. 19) and Corr.1, (Sects. 20-22), (Sect. 23) and Corr.1, (Sect. 24) and Corr.1, (Sects.25-27), (Sect. 28), (Sect. 28A) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28B) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28C) and Corr.1, (Sect.28D), (Sect.28E) and Corr.1 and 2, (Sects. 28F and G), (Sect. 29) and Corr.1, (Sects. 30-35), (Income sects. 1-3) and A/62/91.

[2] A/62/229.

Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] chapter III.B of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination,[4] and the report of the Secretary-General on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009,[5]

*Stressing* that the established procedures for the formulation, implementation and approval of the programme budget must be maintained and strictly followed,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

**Policy issues**

2. *Decides* that the staffing table for the biennium 2008-2009 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

5. *Further reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, to established budgetary procedures and practices or to the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with established budgetary procedures;

6. *Reaffirms* the established budgetary procedures and methodology, based on its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strictly abide by the above-mentioned established budgetary procedures and methodology in future budget submissions;

8. *Stresses* that all Member States should fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;

9. *Notes with concern* the piecemeal approach to the budget process, and requests the Secretary-General, for all future proposed programme budgets, to take the necessary steps to avoid such a piecemeal approach to the budget process and ensure the fullest possible picture of the Organization's requirements for future bienniums;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, to ensure full compliance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 55/231 and 58/269 and with the relevant recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, bearing

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[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/62/7 and Corr.1), A/62/7/Add.1 and Corr.1 and A/62/349.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16).

[5] A/62/80/Add.1.

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/62/7 and Corr.1).

in mind the intergovernmental, multilateral and international character of the United Nations;

11. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing the information necessary to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;

12. *Reiterates* the priorities of the Organization for the period 2008-2009 as outlined in its resolution 61/235 of 22 December 2006;

13. *Also reiterates* that the allocation of resources should reflect fully the priorities established in the biennial programme plan;[7]

14. *Emphasizes* that the resources proposed by the Secretary-General should be commensurate with all mandated programmes and activities in order to ensure their full, efficient and effective implementation;

15. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in chapter III.B of its report;[4]

16. *Approves* the changes to programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

17. *Also approves* the changes to the programme narratives of section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space; section 9, Economic and social affairs; section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development; and section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget, as reflected in the reports and statements of programme budget implications of the Secretary-General;[8]

18. *Emphasizes* that programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly must be respected and implemented fully in the most effective and efficient manner;

19. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraph 40 of its report;[6]

20. *Reaffirms* section II of its resolution 61/244 of 22 December 2006;

21. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 22 of its resolution 61/266 of 16 May 2007;

**Accountability**

22. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/245 of 22 December 2006 and 61/279 of 29 June 2006, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General specifically define accountability as well as clear accountability mechanisms, including to the General Assembly, and propose clear parameters for its application and the instruments for its rigorous enforcement, without exception, at all levels, during the sixty-second session;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen his efforts to achieve greater transparency at all levels;

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[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

[8] A/C.5/62/12, A/C.5/62/14, A/C.5/62/15, A/C.5/62/19, A/C.5/62/20, A/62/125 and A/62/515.

**Extrabudgetary funding**

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, to submit estimates of the total amount of resources, from all sources of financing, that he should have at his disposal to be able to implement fully the mandated programmes and activities efficiently and effectively;

25. *Encourages* donors to continue, where appropriate, to increase their contributions to the core budgets of the departments of the Secretariat;

**Results-based budgeting**

26. *Reaffirms* paragraph 28 of its resolution 55/231, stresses the importance of results-based budgeting and the need for adequate training to ensure its full implementation, and looks forward to its review at its future sessions;

**Budget presentation**

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General in future budget submissions to propose measures to offset the budget increases, wherever possible, without undermining the implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

28. *Decides* that supplementary financial information being presented to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, including, inter alia, detailed explanations of requirements by component and source of funds and by object of expenditure, should also be made available to Member States, including through the Fifth Committee website;

**Vacancy rates and staffing**

29. *Expresses its concern* at the high vacancy rate, especially in the Professional category of posts, in certain areas of the Organization, particularly in some duty stations and regional commissions, emphasizes in this regard its negative impact on the effective delivery of mandated programmes and activities, and requests the Secretary-General to recruit staff expeditiously through proper planning and by streamlining personnel practices and procedures to undertake necessary measures to reduce the vacancy rates;

30. *Reaffirms* that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings;

31. *Also reaffirms* that deliberate management decisions should not be taken to keep a certain number of posts vacant, as this action makes the budget process less transparent and the management of human and financial resources less efficient;

32. *Takes note* of paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

33. *Notes* the practice of incremental budgeting where only new requirements are justified, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that whenever new proposals lead to requests for additional resources, sufficient effort is made to meet the new requirements using existing resources;

34. *Recalls* its resolution 35/217 of 17 December 1980, reaffirms the role of the General Assembly with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, including the creation, conversion, suppression and redeployment of posts, and requests the

Secretary-General to continue to provide the Assembly with comprehensive information on all decisions involving established and temporary high-level posts, including equivalent positions financed from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;

35. *Reiterates* that any transfer of resources between posts and non-post objects of expenditures would require the approval of the General Assembly;

36. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to include in its report on the evaluation of human resources management, as requested in its resolution 61/235, a comprehensive review of the implementation of the recruitment, promotion and mobility policies of United Nations staff over the past five years and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of human resources management at its sixty-third session;

37. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.85 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] and encourages the Secretary-General to ensure uniformity of performance targets in the Secretariat, taking into account the unique circumstances of each duty station and regional commission with regard to the filling of vacant posts, and to apply lessons learned as a means to improve performance in timely recruitment;

38. *Notes* the need for more justification to substantiate the creation of new posts or the reclassification of existing posts;

39. *Recalls* its decision to authorize the Secretary-General to have limited budgetary discretion for the bienniums 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, in accordance with section III of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006;

40. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the recruitment of P-2 posts, in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

41. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 6.5 per cent for Professional staff, 3.5 per cent for General Service staff and 27.2 per cent for field security staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

**Non-post costs**

42. *Decides* to maintain the resources for travel of staff, contractual services and general operating expenses at the 2006-2007 level after recosting, and also decides that the relevant adjustments should not be applied to travel provisions of the regional commissions;

43. *Also decides* to reduce non-post resources by 2 per cent, other than travel of staff, contractual services and general operating expenses;

**Consultants**

44. *Requests* the Secretary-General to select consultants and experts, as well as staff charged against general temporary assistance, on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 53/221 of 7 April 1999;

**Information technology and conference servicing**

45. Affirms the importance of compatibility of all information technology resources within and across duty stations, and stresses that the resources requested for this purpose in the current budget should be fully integrated in the future enterprise resource system;

46. *Stresses* that the information and communications technology strategy should be implemented in a manner that will benefit all Headquarters departments, field missions, duty stations and regional commissions and their subregional offices, bearing in mind the different operational needs and environments within which they function;

47. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that there is no discriminatory treatment among the principal organs of the United Nations and the Main Committees and subsidiary bodies and that they are provided with adequate and quality conference servicing and support;

**Training**

48. *Requests* the Secretary-General to allocate the approved resources for training on the basis of need and in an equitable manner, throughout the Secretariat, including for duty stations and regional commissions, and in this context stresses that equal training opportunities should be available for all staff, in accordance with their functions and categories;

49. *Stresses* that workshops, seminars and training courses should take advantage of the diverse sources of training opportunities available throughout the regions of the world;

**Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination**

**Section 1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination**

50. *Reaffirms* Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

51. *Stresses* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;

52. *Also stresses* the importance of accountability and responsiveness of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly;

53. *Emphasizes* that the Executive Office of the Secretary-General should lead the entire Organization in the context of reflection of geographic distribution and gender balance, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and the efficient utilization of non-post resources;

54. *Stresses* that members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions shall discharge their duties in full independence and in the sole interest of the Organization and its entire membership;

55. *Recognizes* the increase in the workload, as well as the increased diversity and complexity of the questions examined by the Advisory Committee without a commensurate increase in the staffing of the Committee's secretariat;

56. *Decides* to approve one P-4 post to strengthen the staffing of the Advisory Committee's secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to review the functions of the post in the context of his next budget submission;

**Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management**

57. *Requests* the Secretary-General ensure that all duty stations are given equal treatment in respect of the application of modern technologies;

58. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of those services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;

59. *Notes* the critical importance of the services provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to expedite the filling of all vacant posts in the Department in accordance with established procedures;

60. *Takes note* of paragraph I.25 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

61. *Decides* to approve seven P-5 positions for Senior Revisers at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

62. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve the on-time submission of documents and to institute measures for the accountability of the author departments for the late submission of the documents in the context of the report requested in its resolution 62/225 of 22 December 2007;

63. *Decides* not to approve a D-2 post proposed for the Director of the Central Planning and Coordination Division in New York;

64. *Also decides* to defer the establishment of a P-4 post proposed for the position of Deputy Chief of the Information Management and Technology Unit of the Central Planning and Coordination Division in New York until the start of the implementation of the information and communications technology reform plan;

65. *Welcomes* the efforts made in workload-sharing among the duty stations, and requests the Secretary-General actively to pursue efficiencies to be gained through possible workload-sharing in conference services among United Nations Headquarters and other duty stations;

**Part II. Political affairs**

**Section 3. Political affairs**

66. *Regrets* the high vacancy rate in authorized posts for the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and urges the Secretary-General to expedite the filling of these posts as a matter of priority;

67. *Emphasizes* the need for collaboration between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of

Field Support, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication among the three departments;

68. *Takes note* of paragraph II.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[6] and decides to approve the positions referred to under general temporary assistance;

69. *Decides* that the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support shall be appointed by the Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, that for this purpose the Secretary-General shall appoint the Assistant Secretary-General with due regard for geographic rotation and that in so doing he shall be guided by the provisions of paragraph 3 (e) of General Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992, in which the Assembly decided, in particular, that, as a general rule, no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in a senior post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

70. *Also decides* that the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support shall serve for one fixed term of five years without possibility of renewal;

**Section 5. Peacekeeping operations**

71. *Regrets* the slow progress in recruitment for the posts approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/279 on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to fill the vacant posts as a matter of priority;

72. *Deeply regrets* that the post of Under-Secretary-General for Field Support has not been filled, and requests the Secretary-General to expedite recruitment of this post and taking fully into account paragraph 2 of section IX of its resolution 61/244;

**Part IV. International cooperation for development**

**Section 9. Economic and social affairs**

73. *Recalls* its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005, and recognizes the need for strengthening of the development pillar of the Secretariat and the importance of strategic planning, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive proposal at the first part of its resumed sixty-second session for its consideration with a view to improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development related activities of the United Nations Secretariat, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and the Development Account;

74. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fill one P-3 post for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues expeditiously;

**Section 10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing States**

75. *Urges* the Secretary-General to develop a concrete strategic action plan to achieve greater mobilization of resources to ensure that programme delivery can continue effectively;

76. *Notes with concern* the designation of the High Representative for the Least Developed Counties, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States as the focal point for the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Liaison Office at United Nations Headquarters without the approval of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to restore the mandate of the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

77. *Emphasizes* the crucial importance of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States established as the follow-up mechanism to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010,[9] the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries,[10] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[11]

78. *Notes with concern* a decrease of 61 per cent[12] in estimated extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2008-2009 as compared to the biennium 2006-2007 and its detrimental impact on the overall programme delivery of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and requests the Secretary-General to mobilize adequate resources from all sources to support the mandates related to this programme during the biennium 2008-2009;

**Section 11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development**

79. *Recalls* that the development of Africa is an established priority of the United Nations, and reaffirms the commitment to address the special needs of Africa;

80. *Also recalls* General Assembly resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002 and other resolutions calling for the strengthening of mechanisms to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

81. *Further recalls* paragraph IV.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

82. *Notes with concern* that extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2008-2009 represent a significant drop when compared to the biennium 2006-2007, and

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[9] A/CONF.191/13, chap II.

[10] *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003* (A/CONF.202/3), annex I.

[11] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[12] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/62/7 and Corr.1), para IV.14.

requests the Secretary-General to make greater efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary resources for this programme and to ensure that the special needs for Africa are fully addressed;

83. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to urgently fill the position of the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser for Africa as a matter of priority;

**Section 12. Trade and development**

84. *Takes note with serious concern* of the decision of the Secretary-General to temporarily lend the post of Assistant-Secretary-General from this programme to the United Nations Office at Geneva and its adverse implications on programme delivery, and requests the Secretary-General to restore the post to this programme and to undertake urgent measures to fill the post as a matter of priority;

**Section 15. Human settlements**

85. *Recalls* paragraph 114 of its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort to ensure stability and predictability in funding the activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including through the provision of sufficient human and financial resources within the regular budget of the United Nations;

**Part V. Regional cooperation for development**

86. *Emphasizes* the important contribution that the regional commissions are making towards the implementation of the development agenda and other mandates given to them arising from the outcome of the Millennium Summit[13] and other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

87. *Reiterates* its requests to the Secretary-General to ensure a more balanced proportion of staff costs devoted to programme support in comparison with those devoted to the programme of work in all the regional commissions, in particular in the Economic Commission for Africa;

**Section 17. Economic and social development in Africa**

88. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's plan of action to enhance the role of the subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa;

89. *Recognizes* that the repositioning of the Economic Commission for Africa is a crucial element of reform shaping the work of the Commission for the biennium 2008-2009 and beyond, and notes that the repositioning will enhance the role of the Commission in strengthening coordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and other agencies;

90. *Emphasizes* the key role of the Economic Commission for Africa in strengthening coordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and other entities within the region;

[13] See resolution 55/2.

**Section 17B. Regional Commissions New York Office**

91. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph V.25 of its report;[6]

92. *Decides* to establish one P-3 post for the Regional Commissions New York Office as from 2009 and to abolish one General Service (Principal level) post;

**Section 20. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

93. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for more productive utilization of the allocated resources and the policy of recruiting national officers;

94. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in finalizing agreements for extrabudgetary funding of its projects with certain international financial institutions;

**Section 22. Regular programme of technical cooperation**

95. *Requests* the Secretary-General to streamline, in accordance with budgetary guidelines, the use of long-term advisers in the execution of projects under the regular technical cooperation programme and to report thereon in the next budget submission;

96. *Welcomes* the introduction of results-based budgeting at the subprogramme level;

**Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs**

**Section 23. Human rights**

97. *Regrets* the imbalance in the geographic distribution in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs;

98. *Recalls* its resolution 61/244 of 22 December 2006, and requests the Secretary-General to implement urgent measures to improve the balance in the geographical distribution in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including through recruitment for newly established posts, and to report on the results achieved at its sixty-third session under the relevant agenda item;

99. *Notes* the importance of having information on monitoring the utilization of extrabudgetary resources for the activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

100. *Recognizes* that the overall amount appropriated for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for the biennium 2006-2007 represents a 36.6 per cent increase over the revised appropriation for the biennium 2004-2005, and decides to use the revised estimates for 2004-2005 as the baseline for the agreed doubling of resources for the Office;

101. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive review of human resources management in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the efficiency of the implementation of its mandate and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

102. *Notes with great concern* the late submission of revised estimates[14] relating to Human Rights Council decision 3/104 of 8 December 2006[15] and the inclusion of additional funds to be charged against the contingency fund rather than their having been included in the original budget proposals for 2008-2009;

103. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006;

104. *Requests*, in this regard, the Council to exercise greater financial discipline with due regard for regulation 5.6 of the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[16] through endeavours such as seeking the most cost-effective measures to implement its mandates;

105. *Encourages* Member States participating in the Junior Professional Officer programme to increase sponsorship of Junior Professional Officers from developing countries;

106. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in proposing posts for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to ensure their conformity with relevant legislative mandates, including those of the Human Rights Council;

**Section 25. Palestinian refugees**

107. *Reaffirms* its resolution 3331B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, stating that expenses for salaries of international staff in the service of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, which would otherwise be a charge on voluntary contributions, should be financed by the regular budget of the United Nations for the duration of the Agency's mandate;

108. *Notes with concern* the significant reduction in the total resources for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East over the last ten years while the overall workload and responsibilities of the programme have continued to increase;

109. *Decides* to approve the establishment of the following posts for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: one D-2 for regional fund-raising; one P-5 for Senior Protection and Policy Adviser; one P-4 for assessment, monitoring and evaluation, and one P-4 as Gender Adviser; and requests the Secretary-General to present proposals for new posts in the context of his next budget submission;

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[14] A/62/125.

[15] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/62/53), chap. II.B.

[16] ST/SGB/2000/8.

**Part VII. Public information**

**Section 27. Public information**

110. *Stresses* the importance of the status and image of the United Nations to enable effective implementation of its mandates, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the highest priority is given, in the context of the United Nations communication strategy, to the promotion and advocacy of the United Nations image in the face of frequent damaging reporting on United Nations activities;

111. *Also stresses* the importance of the Department of Public Information to address effectively and in a timely manner any allegations of misconduct against peacekeepers, as well as other allegations against the United Nations Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

112. *Further stresses* the publication of United Nations information materials and the translation of important documents in languages other than United Nations official languages, with a view to reaching the widest possible spectrum of audiences and extending the United Nations message to all the corners of the world in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization;

113. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote public awareness of and to mobilize support for the work of the United Nations at the local level through all possible means of communications, including publications, the broadcasting of news and the network of United Nations information centres, bearing in mind that information in local languages has the strongest impact on local populations;

114. *Recognizes* the vital role of the United Nations information centres in promoting awareness about the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to make efforts to mobilize resources for the effective functioning of United Nations information centres in developing countries;

115. *Notes* the gap among the six official languages on the United Nations website;

116. *Reaffirms* the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages on the United Nations website;

117. *Notes with concern* that three out of four established posts are still vacant in the Arabic Language Unit of the United Nations Web Services Section, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to fill the three vacancies as a matter of priority and to inform the General Assembly through the Committee on Information at its 2008 session;

118. *Notes* the importance of the Graphic Design Unit in communicating the messages of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to present proposals to enhance the professional skills in this Unit in his next budget submission;

119. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to expand the scope of press releases in addition to the existing languages in order to widen the United Nations message, assuring their comprehensiveness and up-to-date nature;

120. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the Secretariat's public information organizational framework, including a detailed

explanation and analysis of its resources in all departments of the Secretariat at Headquarters, other duty stations and in field missions with a view to achieving increased coordination and efficiencies in the allocation of resources across the Secretariat;

121. *Recalls* paragraph VII.6 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] decides not to approve resources requested in paragraph 27.49 of the report of the Secretary-General,[17] and requests the Secretary-General to utilize the existing staff and resources of the Department of Public Information to support the special conferences while bearing in mind the coverage of large-scale events may entail additional personnel without prejudice to the source of funding;

**Part VIII. Common support services**

**Section 28C. Office of Human Resources Management**

122. *Regrets* that a P-5 post as requested for enhancing the outreach activities of the Office of Human Resources Management may not be sufficient to achieve the balance in recruitment as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/244;

**Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services**

123. *Decides* to reduce provisions under section 28D by 18 million dollars, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the impact of the reduction in the context of the performance report;

**Section 28G. Administration, Nairobi**

124. *Recalls* paragraph 101 of its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997;

125. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to continue to bring financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi in line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices;

**Part IX. Internal oversight**

**Section 29. Internal oversight**

126. *Takes note* of paragraph IX.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

127. *Decides* to redeploy a P-5-level post from subprogramme 1, Internal audit, to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, for the function of a Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General at the P-5 level;

128. *Reaffirms* the central role of monitoring, inspection and evaluation in the programme planning process, and decides to continue the current arrangements under General Temporary Assistance for nine positions to strengthen subprogramme 2, Inspection and evaluation, one at the D-2 level, three at the P-3 level, four at the P-2 level and one General Service post (Other level);

[17] See A/62/6 (Sect. 27).

**Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses**

**Section 30. Jointly financed administrative activities**

129. *Decides* to establish one P-2 and one P-3 Research Officer posts for the Inspections and Evaluations Group of the Joint Inspection Unit;

130. *Also decides* to abolish two General Service (Other level) posts for a Registry Clerk and a Research Assistant;

**Part XII. Safety and security**

**Section 33. Safety and security**

131. *Decides* not to reclassify a D-2 post to the Assistant Secretary-General level for the Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security;

132. *Also decides* not to establish a P-2 post for the function of Internal Affairs Officer in the Department of Safety and Security.

## Annex

### Staffing table for the biennium 2008-2009

| *Category* | *2008-2009* |
|---|---|
| **Professional and above** | |
| Deputy Secretary-General | 1 |
| Under-Secretary-General | 29 |
| Assistant Secretary-General | 25 |
| D-2 | 97 |
| D-1 | 270 |
| P-5 | 792 |
| P-4/3 | 2 614 |
| P-2/1 | 508 |
| **Subtotal** | **4 336** |
| **General Service** | |
| Principal level | 280 |
| Other level | 2 732 |
| **Subtotal** | **3 012** |
| **Other** | |
| Security Service | 306 |
| Local level | 1 903 |
| Field Service | 139 |
| National Officer | 51 |
| Trades and Crafts | 176 |
| **Subtotal** | **2 575** |
| **Total** | **9 923** |

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## Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

**A**

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2008-2009

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the biennium 2008-2009:

1. Appropriations totalling 4,171,359,700 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

| *Section* | | *Amount (United States dollars)* |
|---|---|---|
| | Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination* | |
| 1. | Overall policy-making, direction and coordination | 89 215 800 |
| 2. | General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | 629 339 800 |
| | **Subtotal** | **718 555 600** |
| | Part II. *Political affairs* | |
| 3. | Political affairs | 495 609 200 |
| 4. | Disarmament | 21 607 900 |
| 5. | Peacekeeping operations | 101 412 700 |
| 6. | Peaceful uses of outer space | 7 439 800 |
| | **Subtotal** | **626 069 600** |
| | Part III. *International justice and law* | |
| 7. | International Court of Justice | 41 200 400 |
| 8. | Legal affairs | 46 069 000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **87 269 400** |

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| | Part IV. *International cooperation for development* | |
| 9. | Economic and social affairs | 158 384 800 |
| 10. | Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States | 5 440 400 |
| 11. | United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development | 11 641 900 |
| 12. | Trade and development | 123 746 100 |
| 13. | International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO | 28 099 800 |
| 14. | Environment | 13 796 600 |
| 15. | Human settlements | 20 520 800 |
| 16. | International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice | 36 819 000 |
| | **Subtotal** | **398 449 400** |
| | Part V. *Regional cooperation for development* | |
| 17. | Economic and social development in Africa | 119 798 200 |
| 18. | Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific | 83 926 400 |
| 19. | Economic development in Europe | 59 917 100 |
| 20. | Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean | 104 445 000 |
| 21. | Economic and social development in Western Asia | 58 107 500 |
| 22. | Regular programme of technical cooperation | 50 951 400 |
| | **Subtotal** | **477 145 600** |
| | Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs* | |
| 23. | Human rights | 116 938 400 |
| 24. | International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees | 73 069 300 |
| 25. | Palestine refugees | 40 727 500 |
| 26. | Humanitarian assistance | 28 492 300 |
| | **Subtotal** | **259 227 500** |
| | Part VII. *Public information* | |
| 27. | Public information | 184 000 500 |
| | **Subtotal** | **184 000 500** |
| | Part VIII. *Common support services* | |
| 28. | Management and support services | 540 204 300 |
| | **Subtotal** | **540 204 300** |
| | Part IX. *Internal oversight* | |
| 29. | Internal oversight | 35 997 700 |
| | **Subtotal** | **35 997 700** |

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| | **Part X.** ***Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*** | | |
| 30. | Jointly financed administrative activities | | 11 459 300 |
| 31. | Special expenses | | 97 011 600 |
| | | **Subtotal** | **108 470 900** |
| | **Part XI.** ***Capital expenditures*** | | |
| 32. | Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance | | 58 782 600 |
| | | **Subtotal** | **58 782 600** |
| | **Part XII.** ***Safety and security*** | | |
| 33. | Safety and security | | 197 169 300 |
| | | **Subtotal** | **197 169 300** |
| | **Part XIII.** ***Development Account*** | | |
| 34. | Development Account | | 18 651 300 |
| | | **Subtotal** | **18 651 300** |
| | **Part XIV.** ***Staff assessment*** | | |
| 35. | Staff assessment | | 461 366 000 |
| | | **Subtotal** | **461 366 000** |
| | | **Total** | **4 171 359 700** |

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2008-2009 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

## B

### Income estimates for the biennium 2008-2009

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the biennium 2008-2009:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 515,460,600 United States dollars are approved as follows:

| *Income section* | *Amount (United States dollars)* |
|---|---|
| 1. Income from staff assessment | 465 780 400 |
| 2. General income | 47 946 900 |
| 3. Services to the public | 1 733 300 |
| **Total** | **515 460 600** |

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

## C

### Financing of appropriations for the year 2008

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the year 2008:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 2,085,679,850 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 4,171,359,700 dollars approved for the biennium 2008-2009 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 19,876,500 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 61/258 of 26 March 2007, 61/275 of 29 June 2007 and 62/235 A of 22 December 2007, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(a) 44,927,300 dollars, consisting of 24,840,100 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium

[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

2008-2009 under resolution B above, plus 20,087,200 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment for the biennium 2006-2007;

(b) 2,060,629,050 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 231,612,600 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 232,890,200 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2008-2009 in resolution B above;

(b) Less 1,277,600 dollars, being the decrease in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2006-2007 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 61/258 of 26 March 2007, 61/275 of 29 June 2007 and 62/235 B of 22 December 2007.

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# Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

*The General Assembly*,

## I
## International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

*Having considered* the programme budget proposals for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO for the biennium 2008-2009[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides* to approve resources in the amount of 28,099,800 United States dollars (at the exchange rate of 1.2 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

## II
## Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Board[4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5,6]

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[1] A/62/6 (Sect. 13) and Add.1.
[2] A/62/7/Add.10.
[3] A/62/175.
[4] A/C.5/62/2.
[5] A/62/7/Add.3.
[6] A/62/Add.13.

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1. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 131,996,500 dollars net for the biennium 2008-2009 and a revised estimate of 104,461,100 dollars net for the biennium 2006-2007 for the administration of the Fund;

2. *Also approves* an additional amount of 748,200 dollars above the level of resources set out in section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009[7] as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund;

**III**

**Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research**

*Recalling* section IV of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2008-2009[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[9]

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[8]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[9]

3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the Institute of 485,500 dollars for the biennium 2008-2009 from the regular budget of the United Nations, on the understanding that no additional provision would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

**IV**

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007,[10] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[11]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[10]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[11]

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[7] A/62/6 (Sect. 1).
[8] A/C.5/62/3.
[9] A/62/7/Add.5.
[10] A/62/515.
[11] A/62/7/Add.16.

3. *Notes* that provision relating to the resource requirements for the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women is considered in the report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1;[12]

## V

## Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council,[13] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[14]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[13]

2. *Regrets* the recurrent late submission of the reports under consideration, which hinders the proper examination of the matter by the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions not later than the first week of November;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[14] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Notes* the insufficient level of collaboration between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support with respect to special political missions, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication among the three departments;

5. *Stresses* the importance of clear reporting lines and accountability between special political missions and Headquarters;

6. *Recalls* its resolution 48/259 of 14 July 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that functions and responsibilities of special envoys, special representatives and other special high-level positions are more clearly defined and streamlined, avoiding any possible duplication, and that the current financial regulations and budgetary procedures are fully complied with;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all special political missions are properly managed, and all related post and non-post resources are fully and thoroughly justified;

8. *Decides* to revert to consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management of special political missions by the Department of Political Affairs[15] during its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs;[16]

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[12] A/62/616.

[13] A/62/512 and Add.1-3, Add.4 and Corr.1 and Add.5.

[14] A/62/7/Add.29.

[15] A/61/357.

[16] A/62/521.

9. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its resolution 61/276 of 29 June 2007, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement relevant provisions of that resolution to special political missions, where applicable;

10. *Decides* to upgrade the position of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide to the Under-Secretary-General level, and to establish an additional P-3 and an additional General Service (Other level) position in his office;

11. *Takes note* of paragraph 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[14] and decides to approve the establishment of one new P-3 position for a Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon;

12. *Also takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 16 of its report, and approves the proposal of the Secretary-General to finance the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia as from 1 January 2008 without prejudice to the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs;

13. *Stresses* the importance of the work of the United Nations related to special political missions;

14. *Reaffirms* the need to ensure adequate levels of safety and security for United Nations personnel and associated humanitarian personnel;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a new, complete and detailed proposal for the construction of the United Nations integrated compound in Baghdad, under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget, for its consideration at the first part of its resumed sixty-second session;

16. *Decides* to reduce the overall provision for special political missions for 2008-2009 by 200,150,000 dollars;

17. *Approves* the budgets totalling 386,587,300 dollars of the 26 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council presented in table 1 of the report of the Secretary-General;[17]

18. *Also approves* a charge totalling 386,587,300 dollars net against the provision for special political missions requested in section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

## VI
## Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 2, 23, 27, 28E and 35 and income section 1 and a proposal related to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from the implementation of decisions of the Human Rights

[17] A/62/512.

Council[18] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[19]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Decides* to establish five P-5 posts for Senior Revisers for conference management, Geneva;

3. *Approves* net additional resource requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 amounting to 765,100 dollars, representing:

(a) A reduction of 307,400 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;

(b) An increase of 1,072,500 dollars under section 23, Human rights;

(c) Additional resource requirements of 324,700 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

**VII**

**Revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 17, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 28G to ensure operational preparedness and business continuity in a protracted human influenza pandemic crisis**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 17, 20, 21, 27, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 28G to ensure operational preparedness and business continuity in a protracted human influenza pandemic crisis[20] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[20]

2. *Stresses* the need for a comprehensive review of all business continuity measures, including human influenza pandemic and other kinds of emergency planning, and requests the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report on business continuity, including in the event of a pandemic, that is complementary to and compatible with the wider enterprise resource planning and information and communications technology reform, and to include information on the status of implementation of measures taken in that regard at its sixty-third session;

**VIII**

**Development Account**

*Recalling* its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997, 53/235 of 26 June 1998, 53/220 A of 7 April 1999, 53/220 B

[18] A/62/125.
[19] A/62/7/Add.25.
[20] A/62/328.
[21] A/62/7/Add.2 and Corr.1.

of 8 June 1999, 54/15 of 29 October 1999, 56/237 of 24 December 2001 and 60/246 of 23 December 2005, and section IV of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

*Regretting* the lack of sufficient allocation of resources for developing countries in order to enable them to better cope with developmental priorities, in particular the Millennium Development Goals and internationally agreed development goals,

*Recognizing* the importance of building appropriate intellectual capacities in the developing countries to help them achieve the Millennium Development Goals and more broadly the internationally agreed development goals, which constitute additional financial and technical obligations,

*Stressing* the failure of the prescribed modalities for identification of resources to finance the Development Account,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account,[22] the fifth annual progress report on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account[23] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[24]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account[22] and the fifth annual progress report on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[23] and encourages him to work further towards identifying resources from possible reductions in administration and other overhead costs that may be identified for transfer to the Development Account;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[24] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* the role and prerogative of Member States in setting the priorities of the Organization, as reflected in legislative decisions;

4. *Stresses* that the Development Account is one of the appropriate tools to cope with the evolving needs of the global development agenda;

5. *Notes with concern* that the Secretary-General has not fulfilled the mandates contained in resolution 52/12 B and subsequent resolutions on the Development Account;

6. *Recognizes* that the current modalities for financing the Development Account, which is to be funded from savings achieved as a result of the efficiency measures that can be identified in the context of budget performance reports, have not proved successful;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section IV of its resolution 61/252;

8. *Also recalls* that the amount of 2.5 million dollars was appropriated under section 34, Development Account, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 as an immediate exceptional measure towards addressing the lack of transfer of resources to the Account since its inception;

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[22] A/62/466.
[23] A/62/123.
[24] A/62/7/Add.6.

9. *Notes with deep concern* that the Secretary-General has not been able to define a procedure to track and identify efficiency gains in the context of budget performance reports and that he has not been able to provide recommendations to the General Assembly on how additional resources in the region of 2.5 million dollars could be added to the Development Account;

10. *Notes with concern* the lack of options in the report of the Secretary-General[22] for tangible, predictable and sustainable funding for the Development Account;

11. *Decides* to appropriate an additional 2.5 million dollars for the Development Account;

12. *Stresses* that the appropriation referred to in paragraph 12 above is an exceptional measure towards addressing the lack of transfer of resources to the Account since its inception;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of its resolution 52/235;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fully comply with its resolution 52/12 B and subsequent resolutions on the Development Account;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to present a report on the implementation of the present resolution at its sixty-third session;

**IX**

**Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa**

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General[25] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[26]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as host country, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[25] and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[26]

**X**

**Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre**

*Recalling* section I of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General[27] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[28]

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[25] A/62/487.
[26] A/62/7/Add.11.
[27] A/62/358.
[28] A/62/7/Add.9.

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts by the Government of Austria, as host country, to construct conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[27] and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[28]

**XI**

**Supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague**

*Recalling* section VII of its resolution 52/222 of 22 December 1997,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague[29] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[30]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[29]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[30]

3. Approves the amendments to the supplementary agreement contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

**XII**

**Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 61/273 of 29 June 2007,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women[31] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[32]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[31]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[32]

3. *Reiterates its appeal* to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Institute and to honour existing pledges in a timely manner;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that continue to contribute to and support the activities of the Institute;

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[29] A/62/496.
[30] A/62/7/Add.8.
[31] A/62/509.
[32] A/62/7/Add.12.

5. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the management and the Executive Board of the Institute for their efforts that have helped the Institute secure sustainable financing;

## XIII
## Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2007

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2007,[33] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[34]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[33]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[34]

## XIV
## United Nations Postal Administration

*Recalling* its resolutions 57/292 of 20 December 2002 and 61/233 A of 22 December 2006 and section III of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration[35] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[36]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[35]

2. *Notes* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[36]

3. *Takes note* of paragraphs 9 to 11 of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to continue taking measures, alternative to the establishment of a contingent liability reserve, to eliminate risks posed to the United Nations Postal Administration by mass mailing and to report on the progress achieved at its sixty-third session;

4. *Decides* to consider the establishment of a contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration as a solution to the issue of reducing the risk posed to the Postal Administration by the use of its services for commercial and bulk mail, on the basis of any future recommendations of the Board of Auditors and updated information provided by the Secretary-General on this issue, at its sixty-third session;

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[33] A/62/336.
[34] A/62/353 and A/62/7 Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.
[35] A/61/900.
[36] A/62/350.

## XV
## Standards of accommodation for air travel

*Recalling* its resolution 42/214 of 21 December 1987, section IV, paragraph 14, of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 and section IV of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel and on the review of the standards of travel and entitlements for staff members, members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and entities of the United Nations system,[37] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system,[38] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system[39] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[40]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[37]

2. *Also takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system[38] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system;[39]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[40,41] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Takes note* of the recommendation in paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[40]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to report on the feasibility of harmonizing standards of travel for staff members, members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system, on the basis of a review and proposals by the Chief Executives Board, taking due consideration of the specificity of the work and mandates of the different entities of the system;

## XVI
## Contingency fund

*Notes* that a balance of 12,191,000 dollars remains in the contingency fund;[42]

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[37] A/61/188 and Corr.1 and A/61/801.
[38] A/60/78.
[39] A/60/78/Add.1.
[40] A/61/661.
[41] A/62/351.
[42] See A/C.5/62/22.

## XVII
## Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation[43] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[44]

*Takes note* of the revised estimates arising from recosting due to the effects of changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

## XVIII
## Joint Inspection Unit

*Approves* the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2008-2009 in the amount of 11,633,000 dollars;

## XIX
## International Civil Service Commission

*Approves* the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2008-2009 in the amount of 17,777,000 dollars;

## XX
## Administration of justice

*Recalling* its resolution 62/228 of 22 December 2007 on the administration of justice,

1. *Decides* to approve a total amount of 17,010,200 dollars under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, reflecting increases comprising 11,860,400 dollars under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, 1,737,300 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 41,300 dollars under section 17, Economic and social development in Africa, 92,700 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, 98,100 dollars under section 20, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, 37,500 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Western Asia, 326,700 dollars under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, 269,500 dollars under section 28C, Office of Human Resources Management, 1,297,600 dollars under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, 167,800 dollars under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, 1,119,200 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, partially offset by reductions of 23,800 dollars under section 28F, Administration, Vienna, and 14,100 dollars under section 28G, Administration, Nairobi, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

2. *Also decides* that the amount of 305,300 dollars will be financed from the resources approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the

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[43] A/62/587.

[44] A/62/7/Add.30.

period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, to be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the performance report on the support account for the period;

**XXI**
**Use of 300-series and 100-series appointments**

1. *Recalls* section XIV of its resolution 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and section VII of its resolution 61/276 of 29 June 2007;

2. *Decides* to continue to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration until 30 June 2008;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph 2 above, to reappoint, under the 100 series of the Staff Rules, those mission staff whose service under 300-series contracts has reached the four-year limit by 30 June 2008, provided that their functions have been reviewed and found necessary and their performance has been confirmed as fully satisfactory, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the practice of using 300-series contracts as the primary instrument for the appointment of new staff;

**XXII**
**United Nations Office for Partnerships**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships[45] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[46]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[45]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[46]

**XXIII**
**Jointly financed gross budget of the Department of Safety and Security**

*Approves* the gross budget of the Department of Safety and Security for the biennium 2008-2009 in the amount of 200,126,100 dollars, broken down as follows:

(a) Field Security Operations: 172,417,700 dollars;

(b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 27,708,400 dollars.

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[45] A/62/220.
[46] A/62/363.

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## Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2008-2009

*The General Assembly,*

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[1] and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2008-2009 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2008-2009 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 200,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

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(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grants of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 1 million dollars in the biennium 2008-2009 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for security measures pursuant to section XI, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2008-2009, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.